(c) what steps are being taken to check and contain such trends; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Central and Concerned State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) There are no reports to suggest extra ordinary patterns of investments and inflow of funds in the districts and villages near the India-Nepal and India-Bangladesh Border.

(b) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Arrests of terrorists from Hyderabad and West Bengal

363. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention was drawn to the arrest of 3 Harkat-ul-Jehad terrorists from separate places in Hyderabad and West Bengal in December, 2005;

(b) if so, whether this reveals how Pak army and ISI are actively funding terrorism and India; and

(c) what are Government's response and reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Andhra Pradesh Government has informed that they have arrested some activists of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM)/Harkat-ul-Jehad-Al-Islami (HUJUAI) including 2 from West Bengal in connection with the terrorist attack on the office of the STF, Hyderabad, on 12-10-2005.

(b) Available inputs suggest that the terrorist organizations operating in J&K and certain other parts of the country continue to be sponsored and provided resources including funds through the infrastructure of terror existing in Pakistan.

(c) To counter the menace of terrorism, the Government pursues a multi-dimensional approach to deal with terrorist activities. In order to curb such activities, the Government has taken measures which include strengthening of border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, ensuring improved technology, weaponry and

equipment of security forces both at the Centre and in the States, neutralizing plans of terrorist/anti-national elements by well coordinated intelligence based operations. Besides, the steps have also been taken to achieve bilateral/multilateral cooperation to deal with the menace of terrorism, given its global dimensions.

IRB jawans surrounded by Bodo militants

†364. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 500 Haryana police personnel inducted into Indian Reserve Battalion found themselves surrounded with Bodo militants in Dimapur forest of Assam in December, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith number of personnel killed or gone missing therein;

(c) the steps taken by Government for safe return of these personnel; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to counter Bodo militants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) According to reports received from the Government of Assam, a skirmish took place on 23rd December 2005 between civilians and the jawans belonging to the Indian Reserve Police Battalion of Haryana traveling by Brahamputra Mail at Salakati Railway Station, Kokrajhar district in Assam following an allegation by some students that two girls students were molested in the compartment by the Haryana Police personnel. Later the Haryana Police personnel resorted to firing which resulted in death of four persons-two on the spot and one Haryana Police Personnel and another injured person succumbed to their injuries later in the hospital .

(c) Following steps have been taken by Government of Assam:

Institution of a judicial enquiry by a sitting High Court Judge.

Payment of compensation to the next of kin of the persons killed in the incident.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.